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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kazumasa AYUKAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3682

Appln. No. : 09/961,365

Examiner: M. CHARLES

Filed : September 25, 2001

For : THIN AUTOTENSIONER

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated July 11, 2003, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on October 14, 2003 (October 11, 2003 being a Saturday and October 13, 2003 being a U.S. holiday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

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In re application of Kazumasa AYUKAWA et al.

Attorney Docket No. P21475  
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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